

# WINGSPREAD

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## Easy does it



An exercise evaluator observes base medics as they carefully transfer a “casualty” to a field hospital gurney during a recent exercise. The next large-scale exercise, Scarlet Hawk 06-05, takes place on Randolph Aug. 21 to 25. People should expect little disruption but gate closures, traffic rerouting and interruptions in daily routines are inherent to most exercises. (Photo by Steve White)

## Password change ahead for CAC exempt users

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

Randolph computer users who are still able to log on to the unclassified network without using their common access cards will soon be required to change their passwords, said Maj. Donald Brown, 12th Communications Squadron commander.

As a condition for granting temporary “Smart Card Login” waivers, the Air Force Network Operations and Security Center now requires all passwords to be at least nine characters. Additionally, passwords must contain a mix of at least two lowercase letters, two uppercase letters, two numbers and two special characters.

Special care must be used in selecting the passwords as any string of three or more characters that can be tied to a dictionary word, will be cause for the password to be rejected, said Major Brown.

In accordance with Air Education and Training Command’s Smart Card Login implementation schedule, affected Randolph users will be required to change their passwords no later than Aug. 23. Affected network users who have not changed their passwords by this date will be forced to do so at their next logon.

For more information, contact your unit client support administrators or the 12th CS help desk at 652-2015, option 3.

# 49 Randolph Airmen selected for promotion

Forty-nine Randolph senior airmen received good news from their commanders Wednesday morning when they were told of their selection for promotion to staff sergeant.

This year, the Air Force selected 13,298 out of 37,071 eligible senior airmen for promotion, a 35.87 percent selection rate.

“These Airmen have shown they are ready for the next phase of their career,” said Chief Master Sgt. Rusty Nicholson, Air Force Personnel Center enlisted promotion and military testing chief. “This group has proven through performance and preparation the desire to serve as the Air Force’s newest NCOs.”

The Randolph selectees are:

### 12th Flying Training Wing

Jesse Behrman  
Nathaniel Jones  
Amy Larsen  
Andrea Riehle

### 12th Medical Operations Squadron

Christopher Grullon  
Tirzah Lefeber  
Noelia Martinez

### 12th Medical Support Squadron

Justin Lorentz  
Richard Minton  
Jennifer Ochoa-Cruz  
Quinshan Richardson

### 12th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Ulysses Alvarado  
David Baskin  
David Burns  
Alexander Larsen  
Thomas Morrow  
Jennifer Swain

### 12th Comptroller Squadron

Mary-Ellen Warriner

### 12th Mission Support Group Fire Department

Sean Barrett  
Seth Bostelman  
Chris Koper

### 12th Mission Support Squadron

Tabitha McKinnon  
Charletia Tate

### 12th Operations Support Squadron

Cole Moreland

### 12th Security Forces Squadron

Phillip Besaw  
Cathrine Cline  
Rashaad Compton  
Jesus Duque  
Micah Lenamond  
Nicole Sanford



Col. William Foote, Air Force Personnel Center Personnel Program Management director, congratulates Senior Airman DeAnn Montelango, AFPC, on her selection for promotion to staff sergeant before a unit fun-run Wednesday. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Steve Horton)

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## AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

As of Monday, 106 Team  
Randolph members are  
deployed in support of  
military operations  
around the globe.



# Commander's Action Line

Call 652-5149 or e-mail  
randolph.actionline@randolph.af.mil



While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better. In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

**Col. Richard Clark**  
12th Flying Training Wing commander

## Agency Contact Numbers

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## Operation Safe Summer



### "Zero Fatalities"

Look before entering crosswalks  
Nearly 100,000 pedestrians are injured in accidents with motor vehicles each year in the United States.

## DUI UPDATE

Team Randolph's last DUI was March 18, 2006

## LETTER TO AIRMEN

# Every Airman a communicator

By Michael Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force and  
Gen. Michael Moseley  
Air Force Chief of Staff

Because of our Airmen, the United States Air Force is the best air and space force in the world and we're gaining leadership in cyberspace. Yet many citizens do not fully realize what you do and the sacrifices you make every day. Because you do your job so well, most Americans simply don't think about the Air Force's contribution to the Global War on Terror – to include the efforts of those of you serving on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan.

To get this message out, we've embarked on an enhanced Strategic Communication program. Our Strategic Communication efforts will build better relationships with key audiences and the support that is critical to operational success, force modernization, and the development of our most precious resource: Airmen.

Our major enhancement is you. The success of this effort will rely on making every Airman an ambassador for our Air Force, at home and abroad. Your stories resonate the most with local newspapers, schools, and rotary clubs. The American public looks up to you as a model of integrity, and by sharing your experiences you are the best spokesmen for our Air Force.

This responsibility means that Airmen must understand air, space and cyberspace power and how the Air Force contributes to the Nation's defense. To assist you, we will soon distribute "The Air Force Story," which will provide you with information to discuss with family, friends, and the public.

Those Airmen who have deployed should have an "Airman's Card," available from your commander or Public Affairs office. This card will help guide your communication efforts. It reminds you that when telling your story, "You represent the Air Force, its values, and its image. Be honest,

candid, and stay within your area of expertise."

The new Air Force advertising campaign, "Do Something Amazing," harnesses the power of your individual story. These television and Internet videos feature our outstanding Airmen describing the contributions they make every day to our nation's defense. One person's story carries the hopes and dreams of a new generation of Airmen and confirms the public's belief that we serve on their behalf.

I encourage you to show your pride and share both your personal story and the Air Force story with others. Your active involvement in this communications strategy will help the public better understand their Air Force and the contribution we make to the Nation's security every day.

You are the finest Airmen the world has ever seen. Be proud of yourself, your Air Force, and your heritage. Our Air Force is counting on you to communicate your story like no one else can.

# Voting: Citizens right, responsibility

By Capt. Rick Alford  
386th Air Expeditionary Wing staff judge advocate

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) — Voting is one of the most important things a member of a democratic republic can do. The United States has a long history of voting, starting on Sept. 17, 1787, when the U.S. Constitution was adopted and the founding fathers set in place the process we now use to elect our country's presidents.

The first presidential election was held in 1789 when the Electoral College unanimously elected George Washington as president. During the 1820s and 1830s a number of states joined the union, each with its own constitution and most with limitations that prevented women and men of any race other than white from voting.

Women such as Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Stanton formed groups that argued for women's rights in 1840. These groups took root and grew. In 1848, the Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls, N.Y., where the attendees agreed that women should have opportunities to go to college, become doctors and lawyers, own land and vote.

As immigrants continued to flood to America, a new political group called the Know-Nothings was formed in

1850. This group at its heart was anti-immigrant. In an effort to prevent immigrants from voting, this group pushed for literacy tests because at the time most immigrants and African-Americans were illiterate.

Congress passed its next big piece of legislation in 1866 known as the 14th Amendment in an attempt to protect U.S. male residents who were at least 21 years of age from voting obstacles. Susan B. Anthony, who was already in the public eye by this time, also founded the American Equal Rights Association in 1866 with Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

In 1869 Congress passed the 15th Amendment granting the right to vote to all men regardless of race, color or previous servitude. However, while advancing the right to vote for minorities, this amendment specifically prohibited women from voting. In 1872 Ms. Stanton attempted to vote in direct violation of the 15th Amendment and was arrested.

A few years later in 1878 a constitutional amendment, later known as the 19th Amendment, was introduced to Congress to grant women the right to vote. It finally passed in 1920. The 24th Amendment was passed in 1964 preventing the use of poll taxes to keep minorities from voting.

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## 12th Flying Training Wing Mission Statement

Training the world's finest Airmen for tomorrow...  
Deploying combat-ready warriors today.



# Airman reflects on true meaning of Wingmen

By Senior Airman Francesca Carrano  
95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN) – In today’s Air Force culture we often hear people reference Wingmen. It has become almost a cliché – “Do you have a Wingman?”

But really, who are these mystical little creatures, this race or culture who are supposed to take care of us?

I’ve been thinking about it a lot lately. Maybe because my time in the Air Force is coming to a close and I am nostalgic; maybe I’ve simply had too much time on my hands. Either way, I want to share what I’ve come to learn – being a Wingman is, surprisingly, not about you.

When I first came to my office, straight out of technical school, I wondered if I was ever going to have a Wingman. You see, I was under the misconception that a Wingman needed to be a specific, designated person whose additional duty was to watch my back.

Over the last few years a myriad of circumstances have taught me that being a Wingman means more than looking out for the people I work with or someone I know from the dorms or have seen in the dining facility. A true Wingman is there no matter what the circumstance, no matter who is in need.

In his book “Invisible Lines of Connection,” Lawrence Kushner shares the story of a young

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woman sitting near the back of a bus, riding home, during the early days of World War II. Suddenly, the bus is stopped by Nazi agents. The agents demanded everyone show them their papers. As the agents systematically work their way through the bus, sending all Jewish riders to a waiting truck, the young woman began to shake uncontrollably. A man sitting next to her leaned over and asked what was wrong.

The young girl whispered back to the man that she did not hold the same papers he did – she was a Jew. Instantly, the man jumped to his feet and began yelling at the top of his voice. He cursed her, said he wished he had never laid eyes on her – she made him sick and disgusted. The agents stopped what they were doing and rushed to the rear of the bus to find the reason for this huge commotion.

The man, exacerbated, explained that his wife had forgotten her papers again. How could she be so careless? The Nazi agents laughed and left the bus, amused at the man’s misfortune having such a stupid wife.

When the bus came to the next stop the man and the young woman both stepped off and walked in opposite directions. Neither ever knowing the other’s name, but knowing that moment saved a young woman’s life.

Long before the term was established, the man on the bus gave us a perfect example of what it means to be a Wingman.

Being a true Wingman is selfless. It transcends race, culture, jobs and upbringing. As members of the Air Force, we face challenges every day that many of our counterparts will never even understand, let alone experience. These daily challenges are what bind us together as brothers and sisters at arms.

Nowhere else will we find a work environment or corporation like ours. It is our responsibility to ensure the health and well being of our fellow Airmen.

Being a Wingman is the most important thing we can do. It may be as simple as a smile while passing in the hall or inviting a new coworker to the gym or as difficult as consoling someone who has just lost a family member. Being a good Wingman to someone else is bigger than any one person. It is a way of life.

What I’m trying to say is Wingmen aren’t perfect little fairy godmothers following us around ensuring nothing goes wrong. The power is ours to make a difference. Each day, look around yourself for opportunities to be a Wingman to someone else.

Whatever avenue presents itself – seize it. It could change someone else’s life.

## Voting

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In 1965, the Voting Rights Act was signed by Lyndon B. Johnson, which prohibited the use of literacy tests and complicated ballot boxes. Finally in 1971, the 26th Amendment was signed

lowering the minimum voting age from 21 to 18.

You may be asking yourself why I took the time to let you in on a little history behind your right to vote. The answer is simple. Your right to vote was procured through a long history of war, civil war and civil atrocities. Men and women of every race, nationality and ethnic origin stood on the firm

belief that every person has a right to have their voice heard. As a citizen of the United States, you not only have a right to vote, you have a responsibility to vote, to have your opinions heard, and to set this country on its next course. Your voice will only be heard if you vote.

We hear, almost on a daily basis, people complaining about where the

country is headed, that they disagree with current administration policy, or that Congress is unable to pass meaningful legislation. However, a majority of U.S. citizens fail to vote and, in my opinion, lose their right to complain. If you don’t cast a ballot, your voice will not be heard.

Get out and vote. It’s your responsibility. It’s your right.

## NEWS



Staff Sgt. John Auflick

**Unit:** 12th Communications Squadron  
**Duty Title:** Installation Personal Wireless Communication Systems Manager  
**Hometown:** Newark, Ohio  
**Hobbies:** Camping with my wife and two children, fishing and hunting.  
**Goals:** To complete my degree  
**Greatest Accomplishment:** Outside of family, establishing air traffic control communications in a bare base environment.  
**Personal Inspiration:** My family  
**Personal Motto:** “Don’t sweat the small stuff, what seems terrible today, will be forgotten in a week or two.”

**Pet Peeve:** Laziness  
**Supervisor’s Comments:** “Sergeant Auflick is the epitome of the noncommissioned officer corps, whose “can do” attitude shines through with each task assigned, or for those he volunteers for. He is one who I can count on to get the job done right, the first time, all the time. A natural team leader, he fosters the teamwork needed between other organizations to ensure our mission can be accomplished. His military bearing is impeccable, and portrays to the public the image of who we are: the world’s greatest aerospace force.”

**Bud McAuliffe**  
Deputy Base Communications Officer

To submit a junior officer, enlisted member or civilian employee for the Showplace Showcase column, commanders can send an e-mail to Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice at lindsey.maurice@randolph.af.mil. or call her at 652-5760 for details.

## Clinic encourages parents to update children’s shots

By Staff Sgt. Julie Boswell  
12th Medical Group Immunizations Clinic

With school right around the corner, immunizations should be a top priority on any parent’s checklist, said 12th Medical Group officials.

Immunizations help protect children from disease as well as protect those who attend daycare or school.

There are several vaccines available that prevent childhood diseases such as Hepatitis A & B, Tetanus-diphtheria, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Pertussis, Varicella and Flu.

After receiving vaccines, there is the possibility of minor side effects such as low-grade fever for 24-48 hours, rash and soreness at the injection site as well as fussiness and lack of appetite, said clinic officials. Serious reactions to vaccinations are rare.

Parents should check with the immunizations clinic to ensure their child has the proper vaccinations required to start the school year, as each school district has different requirements.

There are several new vaccines out on the market, most of which will be available through military immunization clinics, said 12th MDG officials.

If a vaccine is new, the Air Force Medical Service policy is to follow the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations. The ACIP is made up of several subject matter experts in the immunology field who publish recommendations for the routine administration of vaccines to the pediatric and adult populations to include schedules regarding appropriate

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# Identity theft: Base victim shares story

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice  
Wingspread editor

It happens every day. Someone's personal information is taken without permission for fraudulent reasons.

One of Randolph's own became victim and this is his story.

"I remember I was at a sporting event in 1995 and applied for a credit card to get the free gift," said Master Sgt. Jon Hanson of the Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs office. "Then a few weeks later I got a letter in the mail saying I was denied. That raised an immediate red flag because I have great credit history, so I requested a credit report."

To Sergeant Hanson's dismay he had become a victim of fraud.

"Apparently someone had opened up two phone accounts in my name totaling about \$4,000 along with a credit card," he said. "I was shocked. I felt violated. I thought 'How could this happen to me?'"

Sergeant Hanson immediately contacted the credit card bureaus to put a fraud alert out, the police to file a report and each of the creditors explaining the situation.

"I was pretty lucky in that all of the companies worked with me," he said. "Each one requested I write them a letter detailing the situation and they

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Master Sgt. Jon Hanson  
*Identity theft victim*

scratched off the debt. But this isn't always the case. I'm just thankful I caught it before more damage was done."

From his misfortune, the sergeant said he has become extra vigilant in trying to make sure something like this doesn't happen again.

"In most states, including Texas, you're allowed three free credit reports a year," he said. "This is definitely something to take advantage of. I just recently saw another problem on one of the reports where someone else's account with the same last name got merged with mine. I called and it was corrected, but this is stuff you should be aware of."

Sergeant Hanson also recommends people space the reports out to give more time to discover possible fraudulent acts quicker.

He also recommends people not panic if they fall victim to fraud.

"I know it's easy to say don't panic

when it's not happening to you, but if you just take a moment and follow the proper steps everything should work itself out," he said.

The Federal Trade Commission recommends those who become a victim of fraud take the following steps:

1. Contact the fraud departments of any one of the three consumer reporting companies (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) to place a fraud alert on your credit report. The fraud alert tells creditors to contact you before opening new accounts or making changes to existing ones. People only need to contact one of the three companies to place an alert. The company called is required to contact the others, which will also place an alert on their versions of the report.

2. Close accounts you know or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.

3. File a report with the local police or those in the community where the identity theft took place. Get a copy of the report to submit to your creditors.

4. File a complaint with the FTC. The FTC maintains a database of identity theft cases.

For more information, visit the FTC Web site at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).



## Tips to avoid identity theft

### Personal security

- Obtain a copy of your credit report and review it for accuracy.
- Place passwords on all of your credit cards, bank and phone accounts.
- Ask about security procedures in the workplace and at all other businesses or institutions that collect personal information.
- DO NOT give out personal information over the phone, through the mail or on the Internet unless you initiated contact.
- Be careful with your mail; deposit outgoing mail in secure post office collection boxes and promptly remove mail from your mail box.
- Use a paper shredder to shred documents containing personal information.
- DO NOT carry your Social Security Card with you.
- Give your SSN only when absolutely necessary.
- Carry only the identification and credit/debit cards you need when you go out.
- Be cautious when responding to promotions which ask for personal information.
- Keep your purse or wallet in a safe place at work.

- When ordering new checks, arrange to pick them up at the bank instead of having them mailed to your home.

### Computer security

- Virus protection software should be updated regularly
  - Use a firewall program, especially if you use a high-speed Internet connection.
  - DO NOT open files sent to you by strangers or click on hyperlinks or download programs from people you don't know.
  - Use a secure browser - software that encrypts or scrambles information you send over the Internet - to guard your online transactions.
  - Try not to store personal information on your computer. If you do, use a strong password with upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols.
  - Before disposing of an old computer, use a "wipe" utility program to overwrite the entire hard drive.
- (Courtesy of the Federal Trade Commission)*

# SRP, CJR go virtual, improve process

The Air Force will add the Selective Reenlistment and Career Job Reservation programs to the virtual Military Personnel Flight soon, furthering Personnel Services Delivery Transformation.

Beginning Sept. 1, the automated SRP process will e-mail commanders a monthly roster notifying them of their Airmen projected for reenlistment.

Commanders can choose whether or not to make Airmen ineligible for reenlistment based on quality force standards. Upon processing of the subsequent month roster, those Airmen who meet the requirements will automatically be made eligible for reenlistment.

Thirty days after the commander receives the SRP roster, provided Airmen remain eligible, the system will automatically request a CJR for Airmen in the first month of their CJR

eligibility window (35th month for four-year enlistees, 59th month for six-year enlistees) in their control Air Force Specialty Code.

Airmen eligible for a CJR who are in a constrained career field will be placed on the CJR waiting list. Those who are initially deemed ineligible for reenlistment will continue to be reviewed monthly to determine if they become eligible, at which time the system will request a CJR or place the member on the CJR waiting list.

Airmen in a constrained AFSC who end up on the CJR waiting list will be able to track the status of their CJR request via a vMPF link. The link will also provide a CJR expiration date for Airmen who receive a CJR.

"The automation of the CJR process means Airmen will be reviewed as soon as they become eligible," said

Capt. Jay Johnson, Air Force Personnel Center future operations integration branch chief. "However, supervisors must still understand the program so they can convey to Airmen how the process works or where to go for additional assistance. As always, the professionals in the Air Force Contact Center will be standing by to assist if needed."

"This move will greatly improve the process for the majority of CJR applications across the Air Force," said Tech. Sgt. Catrina Baskin, NCO in charge of Air Force Reenlistments. "However, Airmen will still need to request a CJR through their base military personnel flight if they desire one in their secondary AFSC or for other special circumstances, such as exceptions to policy."

For more information, contact the Air Force Contact Center at 565-5000.

## AETC Commander's Call

The Air Education and Training Command commander is holding a commander's call for all AETC Headquarters staff members Aug. 18 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the base theater.

Due to limited parking at the theater, carpooling or walking to the event is highly encouraged. Buses will pick people up at Building 900 and Hangar 13 at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and return from the theater after each session.

Directorates should contact their executive officer to find out which session they are scheduled to attend.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Randolph retirees

Congratulations to the following Randolph retirees:

- Lt. Col. Brenda Roberts, Air Education and Training Command
- Chief Master Sgt. Edward Lundberg, AETC
- Senior Master Sgt. Jack Uber, AETC Studies and Analysis Squadron
- Master Sgt. Ruben Perez, AETC
- Master Sgt. John Pron, AETC Computer Systems Squadron
- Master Sgt. Craven Wilcox, Air Force Recruiting Service

### RFISD Board of Trustees opening

The 12th Mission Support Group commander is seeking volunteers to fill a vacancy on the Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Applicants must be a military member or civilian who resides or works on Randolph.

Applications are available in the 12th MSG commander's office on the second floor of the Building 100. Applications are due by Aug. 30.

### RFISD credit by examination

The Randolph Independent School District offers credit by examination for students who have had no prior instruction in the subject tested.

Parents interested in having their child tested must contact their child's school counselor by Aug. 30.

### ASMC service day

The American Society of Military Comptrollers invites base members to help clean the homes of senior citizens Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon as part of a community service project.

For details, call 652-4861.

### Free courses on GSA

The National Contracts Management Association's Alamo Chapter offers four free courses on General Services Administration procedures Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the training room of Building 854.

The courses are open to anyone who wants to learn about the tools available to procure a service or supply via GSA.

For more information, call Maj. Tonney Kaw-uh at 652-6591.

### AFGE meeting

The next American Federation of Government Employees meeting is Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Building 201, on the east side of the commissary.

### OSI volunteers recruited

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is recruiting to fill the command's Reserve individual mobilization augmentee E-5 and E-6 special agent positions. Staff and technical sergeants from any career field, whether active duty, Reservists or Airmen leaving active duty, can apply.

For more information, call (240) 857-0866 or go online to [public.afosi.amc.af.mil](http://public.afosi.amc.af.mil).



# Thrift Savings Plan augments retirement

The Thrift Savings Plan’s automatic and matching contributions form a key part of the Federal Employees’ Retirement System, or FERS, offering federal civilian employees opportunities to increase their retirement income.

FERS civilian Thrift Savings Plan account holders automatically receive a deposit equal to 1 percent of their basic pay each pay period once they are eligible. They also receive matching agency contributions up to 4 percent if they contribute at least 5 percent of their own money.

“These payments into a FERS employee’s account along with the Thrift Savings Plan’s investment flexibility and fund options make it a potentially valuable part of a retirement nest egg,” said Janet Thomas, Air Force Personnel Center human resources specialist.

The other two parts of the FERS retirement program consist of a basic benefit plan, which considers basic pay, length of service and other factors to determine a monthly annuity and Social Security benefits.

TSP, also open to Civil Service Retirement System federal employees, provides two investment programs for civilians: regular TSP contributions and



TSP catch-up contributions for eligible employees age 50 and older.

Some plan highlights for 2006 include:

- Employees covered by FERS and CSRS may contribute up to \$15,000 to a regular TSP account. They may designate any whole percentage of basic pay or a whole dollar amount each pay period. However, if a whole dollar amount is designated and the amount exceeds remaining salary after mandatory and other voluntary deductions that occur ahead of TSP contributions, no TSP contributions will be withheld, and, if FERS, no agency matching contributions will be received.
- People age 50 or older, in a pay status, and who can

certify they have contributed (or will contribute) the full \$15,000 maximum to a regular TSP account or other 401(k) plan may contribute an additional \$5,000 as catch-up contributions.

- Eligible individuals may enroll, change, stop or resume catch-up or regular contributions at any time during the year.
- The last day civilians may submit a catch-up contribution election for calendar year 2006 is Dec. 9. Catch-up contribution enrollment for 2007 will be available beginning Dec 10.

“To maximize agency matching contributions, FERS employees must contribute an amount equal to 5 percent of their basic pay each pay period,” Ms. Thomas said. “Early large contribution attempts to maximize earnings usually fall short of the value of lost agency matching contributions.”

Air Force-serviced civilians will submit enrollment elections or changes for regular TSP or catch-up contributions via the Employee Benefits Information System Web application or the BEST automated phone system. Instructions on how to access these systems are on the BEST Web site, located at [ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil).

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

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The complete list of selectees is available at [ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil).  
To enhance customer service, beginning with this promotion release eligible Airmen who tested can find their Weighted Airman Promotion System score notices posted on their Air Force Portal personal page and on the virtual Military Personnel Flight.  
Upon accessing the Air Force Portal, eligible Airmen will see a WAPS score notice link that will direct them to their 2006 score notice. The score notice is

posted on the Portal for 10 days; after the 10 days the score notice will only be located on vMPF.  
Score notices allow Airmen to see how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they’re directly competing with for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.  
The average selectee has 2.02 years time in grade and 4.59 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September to August 2007.  
(Courtesy of AFPC)

# Pretrial Diversion

*Civilian offenders may have alternative to federal prosecution*

By Capt. Jeremy Emmert  
12th Flying Training Wing Legal Office

Many civilians fill vital roles in the day-to-day operations and activities at Randolph. From civilian employees and contractors to family members and guests, the base hosts a wide spectrum of civilians on any given day.

While the vast majority of these men and women are law abiding citizens, there are some who commit misconduct on base.

For law-breaking military members, there is the Uniform Code of Military Justice, but for civilians, the options are different.

Depending on what type of civilian the lawbreaker is, (government employee, contract worker, family member, retiree or guest) the installation commander has a variety of administrative options he can use ranging from a letter or warning to suspension of base exchange and commissary privileges, revocation of driving privileges and barment. In addition to the administrative action imposed by the commander, there may be other consequences for misconduct, such as suspension from school or Army and Air Force Exchange-imposed shoplifting fines.

Moreover, misdemeanor cases are referred for federal prosecution by 12th Flying Training Wing

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judge advocates who are appointed special assistant U.S. attorneys in magistrate court.

However, there is an alternative to criminal prosecution called pretrial diversion. Pretrial diversion happens when a criminal case is “diverted” from court to a program similar to probation. This alternative is administered by the pretrial services office, a division of the Federal District Court for the Western District of Texas.

This criminal prosecution alternative is designed to be a second chance for those civilian offenders who commit relatively minor misconduct, have no criminal history and have accepted responsibility for their crime.

The process for referral to pretrial diversion begins when the base legal office receives a misconduct

report from the 12th Security Forces Squadron. If an individual case qualifies for pretrial diversion, the civilian must complete an extensive interview with a pretrial services officer in downtown San Antonio and be accepted into the program. Participation is voluntary, but the alternative is criminal prosecution and possibly a federal conviction.

Offenders selected for pretrial diversion must also sign a diversion agreement. The terms of agreement depend on the crime. Typical terms require the person to participate in community service, report regularly to an assigned pretrial services officer, submit to random drug and alcohol testing, participate in a “shoplifter’s alternative” program and participate in a substance abuse treatment class, as deemed necessary. Some agreements also require offenders to actively seek and maintain verifiable employment or enroll in a degree program.

The supervision period can last up to 18 months, and if the terms of the agreement are broken during that time, the case is returned to the court for prosecution.

Participants who successfully complete the program get a big reward – they are not charged with the crime that originally caused the diversion referral and their case is dismissed.

For more information about this program, contact the base legal office at 652-6781.



Five Randolph aircraft join the salute to the Tuskegee Airmen at the dedication of the Luke AFB air park recently. Pictured here are (left to right) a Randolph T-6A, a Luke AFB F-16, a Randolph T-1A, the "Red Tail" Luke F-16, a second Randolph T-1A, a Randolph T-38C and a Randolph T-37B. Randolph is the home of two Tuskegee heritage squadrons, the 99th and 100th Flying Training Squadrons, that regularly participate in events honoring the Tuskegee Airmen. The Randolph aircrews and support people are standing at the left of the foreground group, with the flag. (Photo courtesy of 944th USAF Reserve Wing Public Affairs office)

# Tuskegee members honored in airpark dedication

## 40 Randolph Airmen, five aircraft participate in historic ceremony

By Staff Sgt. Susan Stout  
944th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. – Forty Randolph Airmen and five base aircraft joined in celebration to honor more than 50 original Tuskegee Airmen at an airpark dedication ceremony Aug. 2 in front of the 944th Fighter Wing headquarters building at Luke AFB.

The airpark, which features a static F-16 painted in World War II Tuskegee colors, is dedicated to the "Red Tail" warriors of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Sixty-five years ago, a program was launched to train the first black military pilots and aircrews, who later became known as the Tuskegee Airmen.

"As we proceed forward in the Air Force, it is crucial we reflect back on our history and acknowledge the contributions of those who made so many personal sacrifices for our country's freedom," said Col. Derek Rydholm, 944th Fighter Wing commander. "The airpark will serve as a constant reminder of those contributions."

The F-16 on display was gained by the Air Force in September 1980 and is aircraft 79-0327, but is painted and marked to depict aircraft 86-0291, assigned to the 944th Fighter Wing.

"The Tuskegee Airmen are deeply grateful for the honor that the 944th Fighter Wing has bestowed upon us by the dedication of the memorial park with the beautiful red tail F-16," said retired Lt. Col Robert Ashby, an original Tuskegee Airman. "But more important is that the Air Force has people caring and carrying on the legacy that was started years ago.

Lt. Col. John D'Ortona, 100th Flying Training Squadron operations officer, said he felt honored and privileged to be surrounded by such heroic men.

"It was a wonderful trip connecting the current with the past," he said. "The Tuskegee Airmen really felt that they were being honored."

Tuskegee Airmen were first trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee, Ala. The first aviation cadet class began in July 1941 and completed training nine months later. Thirteen men started in the first class, but only five successfully completed the training.

From 1942 to 1946, 994 pilots graduated, receiving commissions and their pilot wings. Black navigators, bombardiers and gunnery crews were also trained at selected military bases elsewhere in the United States. Tuskegee pilots were assigned to the 301st and 302nd Fighter squadrons, which are now the 944th Fighter Wing at Luke. The 99th and 100th Flying Training Squadrons on Randolph were also part of

the original Tuskegee group.

These Airmen fought two wars – one against a military force overseas and the other against racism at home and abroad.

"The Tuskegee Airmen just wanted to fly and participate in World War II in a meaningful way – never knowing what profound effect we would have on the Armed Forces," Colonel Ashby said.

Colonel Ashby enlisted in the Army Air Corps at age 17 and was called into active duty two years later in 1944. Four months later, he was sent to Tuskegee, Ala., to begin cadet training.

He was then assigned to Japan as part of the U.S. occupying force. Upon arrival, Colonel Ashby was assigned to two white flying outfits, neither of which would accept him because he was black and the Army was segregated. Colonel Ashby was removed from pilot status and assigned to a black company in the Quartermaster Department in Tokyo.

In May 1949, he was reinstated to flying status and was sent to Lockbourne Air Field in Ohio. After years of continued struggle, Colonel Ashby reached the status of lieutenant colonel and retired honorably from the Air Force in July 1965.

"The Tuskegee Airmen brought about changes that not only benefited blacks, but every race in this country – and in the end, America," Colonel Ashby said.

The Airmen held their 35th annual Tuskegee Airmen National Convention in downtown Phoenix this week.

# 'Your Guardians of Freedom' site set to scale down

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Budget constraints and contract services reductions have forced officials to make changes to the "Your Guardians of Freedom" Web site starting Oct 1.

The Web site enables Air Force members to order pins for employers of activated Guardsmen (E pin), parents (P pin) and spouses (S pin). Pin recipients also receive a personalized letter signed by the Air Force secretary and chief of staff thanking them for supporting the Airman's service.

The pins are a contemporary adaptation of the World War II "E" flags used to recognize companies for contributions to the war effort.

The program was established in November 2001 to recognize employer support of activated Guard and Reserve Airmen. It expanded in 2003 to recognize parents of total force Airmen, spouses of Airmen and Air Force civilians.

"To date more than 833,000 pins have been delivered," said Capt. Tynisha Jones-Vincent, YGOF program manager. "Basic training and officer accessions have been the biggest customers of the program."



Enlisted and officer accessions will continue to have the opportunity to order and present the "P" pin to their parents or "S" pin to their spouses at their graduations.

The change to the program leaves it open only to new accessions. Other members have until Oct. 1 to use the Web site for placing orders.

"Members still have two months to order parent pins; we will make sure all orders and backorders received through Oct. 1 are fulfilled," Captain Jones-Vincent said.

The next phase of the program will include a new user-friendly Web site. The "S" pin will continue to be available to order online for active-duty members through the Air Force Portal. This will allow Air Force members who have married since joining the service the opportunity to order a spouse pin.

The "E" pin will no longer be available after the Oct. 1 deadline.

Additionally, "My Mommy is an Airmen" and "My Daddy is an Airmen" books are available for distribution through base agencies. These books are aimed at elementary-aged children to help give them a better understanding of the Air Force as children of deployed Airmen.

The website is located at [www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com](http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com).



# COMMANDER CONNECTION

This column introduces new unit commanders to the base community.



## Maj. Kerry Britt

12th Comptroller Squadron commander

- **Date of command:** July 6
- **Hometown:** Montgomery, Ala.
- **Unit mission:** Deliver world-class financial advice, service and support anywhere at anytime.
- **Key to success in the Air Force:** "Have a good character and a positive attitude in every area of life."
- **Previous assignments:** Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
Moody AFB, Ga.  
Randolph AFB, Texas
- **Vision for the unit:** To be the finest squadron in the Air Force, and have fun while doing it.
- **Memorable Air Force experience:** Being deployed to Africa was an incredible experience!

Maj. Kerry Britt, 12th Comptroller Squadron commander, reviews financial documents with secretary Rose Trevino. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

## Shots

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periodicity, dosage and contraindications applicable to the vaccines.

The ACIP forwards its recommendations to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and the Department Health and Human Services, which make an official determination.

Some of the new vaccines available include TDAP and HPV. TDAP or Boostrix is a new tetanus/pertussis booster shot for 11-year-olds. It protects against tetanus and whooping cough. The vaccine is available at military medical facilities and is mandatory to have for entry into school, said 12th MDG officials.

The HPV or Human Papillomavirus vaccine was recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration and ACIP has approved the recommendation to add it to the list of required

vaccines; however, it has not yet been formally put on the list and is unavailable at military medical treatment facilities at this time. The HPV vaccine protects against four strains of this virus, including two that cause 70 percent of cervical cancers and two that cause 90 percent of genital warts. It is targeted for females ages 9-26.

The Varicella or chickenpox vaccine is used to prevent the chickenpox disease. Children receive one dose when they are 15 months old. It is not required for those children who have already had the disease since they are considered immune.

The ACIP has made a provisional recommendation

The 12th Medical Group Immunizations Clinic encourages parents to make sure their children are up-to-date on all their districts required immunizations before the start of the school year.



for a second or booster dose of Varicella for children ages 4-6. It is only a provisional recommendation at this time and is not policy unless specifically directed by either Health Affairs or a service Surgeon General, said 12th MDG officials.

The base allergy and immunizations clinic is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for Thursdays when it opens from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the summer. It also closes the last Wednesday of every month at noon. Certain injections (such as TB) are given at specific times or days.

For questions or concerns, call 652-3279.

## COMMUNITY

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Girl Scouts swim party

The Randolph Area Girl Scouts kick-off the new school year with a swim party Aug. 19 from 7-9 p.m. at the south pool.

All Randolph Girl Scout families and those interested in joining the Girl Scouts are welcome to attend. The cost is \$2 per person.

For more information, call 566-0521.

#### MOAA luncheon

The Military Officers Association of America Alamo Chapter hosts a luncheon Aug. 24 at 11 a.m. at the officers' club. Tickets cost \$16.

To reserve a seat, call 228-9955.

### FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER 652-5321

#### WIC

The Women, Infants and Children satellite office, located in the chapel center, Building 103, is open Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Call 225-0213 for an appointment.

#### Waiting Families Night Out

The next Waiting Families Night Out is Monday from 5:30-7 p.m. at the family support center. The event includes a free meal and an activity.

To sign up, call 652-5321.

### EDUCATION SERVICES 652-5964

#### Air Command and Staff College

Air Command and Staff College offers an introductory session Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. at the education center.

#### Air War College

The Air War College is accepting applications for its nonresident seminar program, which begins Aug. 22. Those interested should visit the AWC Web Site, located at [www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awc-ns.htm](http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awc-ns.htm) and indicate their seminar preference using the code 781504521 5.

#### St. Mary's University

St. Mary's University is accepting applications for its fall term. Course schedules may be viewed at [www.stmarytx.edu/registrar](http://www.stmarytx.edu/registrar).

For more information, call 658-4852.

#### Wayland Baptist University

Wayland Baptist University is accepting applications for its fall term. Students may register at the university's office, located in room 11 of the education center.

For more information, call 945-8379.

#### ERAU

Students have until Aug. 22 to register for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's graduate classes and until Aug. 31 to register for undergraduate distance learning classes.

For more information, call 659-0801.

### CHAPEL SERVICES 652-6121

#### • Ecumenical

**Monday** – Wedding briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center

**Wednesday** – Film luncheon at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center

#### • Protestant

**Sunday** – Traditional worship at 8:30 a.m., Contemporary service at 10 a.m. and Gospel service at 11:30 a.m., all in Chapel 1

**Monday** – Men's Gospel Service choir from 6:30-10:30 p.m. in Chapel 1

**Tuesday** – Gospel choir practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

**Wednesday** – Protestant Women Bible study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Contemporary Praise Team at 6:15 p.m. in Chapel 1; Protestant Youth of the Chapel Bible study at 7:15 p.m. at 10 Main Circle

#### • Catholic

**Saturday** – Confession at 4:30 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m. in Chapel 1

**Sunday** – Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2

**Monday-Friday** – Rosary at 11:10 a.m. and Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

**Tuesday** – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1 and at 5 p.m. in Chapel 2; Traditional Choir practice at 6 p.m. in Chapel 2; Cantor practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meeting at 7 p.m. in the chapel center

### MOVIES 652-3278

#### Today

"Pirates of the Caribbean" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Johnny Depp – Will Turner helps Captain Jack Sparrow find a way out of his blood debt to Davey Jones.

#### Saturday and Sunday

"Pirates of the Caribbean" (PG-13), 2 p.m. Johnny Depp

"The Devil Wears Prada" (PG-13), 6 p.m. Meryl Streep – A naïve young woman is hired as an assistant to a New York City magazine editor.

### WATER WISE 652-4668

The Water Wise column provides tips for conserving water and the current level (as of Thursday morning) of the Edwards Aquifer.

#### Edwards Aquifer Level

##### Stage 1 restrictions

657.5 feet

##### Current

650.0 feet

##### Stage 2 restrictions

647 feet

#### • TIP OF THE WEEK

Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or garden, or for cleaning.



# SERVICES

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Special meal

The Rendezvous Dining Facility offers a special meal for families of deployed members Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m.

To sign up, contact your unit first sergeant or Chris Morrow at 652-5321 by Monday.

## LIBRARY 652-2617

### Library orientation

The library offers orientation tours Wednesday for middle and elementary school aged children.

The librarian will show customers how to prepare research and homework with the help of the tools available at the library. Customers should sign up Aug. 1-8.

For more information, call 652-8901.

## YOUTH CENTER 652-2088

### Sports applications

The youth center is accepting applications for cheerleading, volleyball, flag and tackle football. Applications are available at the center's front desk.

For more information, call Rey Salinas at 652-2088.

### Youth volleyball coaches

The youth center is seeking volunteer coaches for volleyball for children ages 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. The first coaches meeting is Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the youth center gym, Building 595.

For more information, call Rey Salinas at 652-2088 or e-mail [rey.salinas@randolph.af.mil](mailto:rey.salinas@randolph.af.mil).

### Family and Teen Talent Show

The youth center hosts the Randolph Family Teen and Talent Contest Sept. 1 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at the officers' club.

Eligible youth ages 5-18 will compete in four age divisions in the solo, duo, group and instrumental performance categories. The cost is \$2 and all proceeds go to the youth center's boy's and girl's leadership clubs.

For more information, call 652-2088.

## Information, Tickets & Travel 652-5640

### August sports package special

During August, equipment checkout customers can rent the \$5 sports package, which includes a basketball, volleyball and net, horseshoes and stakes, football and frisbee.

For more information, call 652-5640.

# H3 Hummer giveaway

## Club membership drives offer prizes, incentives

Base members who join the officers' or enlisted clubs between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 have a chance to win a 2007 H3 Hummer.

The enlisted club hosts its "Thousand Things to Do" membership drive party Sept. 1 from 4:30-6:30 p.m., while the officers' club hosts its party from 5-7 p.m.

During the event, attendees can enjoy complimentary food, social hour beverages and entertainment.

In addition to the vehicle giveaway, which will also be awarded to one existing Air Force club member, each Randolph club will award two New Year's Eve packages or \$150 in Services Bucks. The New Year's package includes tickets for four to the club's New Year's Eve bash and base lodging. One prize will be awarded to a current club member and one to a new member. Each winner has their choice of the two prizes.

Those base members who join the club during the "Thousand Things to Do" membership drive party also pay no dues until 2007. In addition, they receive a 12th Services Division coupon book (valued at \$200), become eligible for a weekly drawing for \$25 in club bucks and a grand prize drawing on Dec. 1 for a \$200 credit toward a club party.

The membership drive party is sponsored in part by Chase Bank and the Air Force Clubs.

### Party equipment for rent

Customers can rent a snow cone, popcorn or cotton candy machine for \$35 a day from the equipment checkout office. The office also offers larger items for rent such as dunk tanks and inflatable bouncy castles.

For more information, call 652-5640.

### Discount tickets

The information, tickets and travel office has discount tickets available for the following attractions:

- Sea World of San Antonio
- Six Flags
- Schlitterbahn of New Braunfels, South Padre Island and Galveston Island
- Splashtown
- Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, Texas
- Other local attractions including the IMAX and Regal Theaters, Natural Bridge Caverns, Natural Wildlife Park and Malibu Grand Prix.

For price information, call 652-5640.

## ENLISTED CLUB 652-3056

### Bingo extravaganza

The next bingo extravaganza is Aug. 21 with \$15,000 in total bingo jackpots. A complimentary buffet is available to players starting at 5 p.m., followed by early bird bingo at 6 p.m.

### Family night

The next enlisted club family night is Aug. 17. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and biscuits.

The cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for all others. The cost for children of club members ages 6-12 is \$2.95 and \$3.95 for all others. Children four and younger eat free.

### Back-to-school kids' bingo

The enlisted club hosts a special back-to-school kids' bingo Aug. 20. The event includes a complimentary buffet

for children ages 12 and younger, an appearance by Candy Man the Clown and the chance to win a variety of back-to-school prizes. The event is free to club members and their children.

### Nite Club patio grand opening

The enlisted club hosts its grand opening of the Nite Club patio Aug. 22 at 5 p.m. with a free taco bar and drink specials. The Triple Nickel Band performs from 5-7 p.m.

## OFFICERS' CLUB 652-4864

### Kids' night out

The officers' club offers a back-to-school home style buffet Saturday from 6-8 p.m. Children ages 12 and under eat free.

Members of both clubs are invited to attend. Children's entertainment is provided.

**Spouse appreciation lunch**

The officers' club hosts a special active duty military spouse appreciation lunch Aug. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 for all active duty military spouses. The lunch includes a buffet and salad bar or sandwich.

## BOWLING CENTER 652-6271

### League bowlers special

All bowlers who have signed up to play in the base's fall and winter leagues can bowl for \$1 a game Monday through Thursday.

### Unit functions

The bowling center is available for unit functions Fridays beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Contact the center for reservations and pricing.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION 652-5268

### Camping at Enchanted Rock

Outdoor recreation offers a trip to Enchanted Rock, located near Fredericksburg, Texas, Sept. 15-17. The cost is \$50 a person.

Transportation departs the information, tickets and travel office Sept. 15 at 3 p.m. and returns Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. The deadline to sign up is Sept. 11.

## ARTS and CRAFTS 652-2788

### Holiday gifts

The Randolph Arts and Crafts Center has a variety of Christmas ornaments and holiday items for sale. Customers can also work on handmade gifts.

The center offers a variety of classes including stained glass, custom framing, quilting, creative journaling and pastel painting.

For details, call 652-2788.

### Youth classes

The Randolph Arts and Crafts Center offers youth "Make It and Take It" classes Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. through August for children ages 6-12.

The cost is \$18. Classes include rock painting, pastel coloring, reverse painting and scrap booking. There is limited seating.

To sign up or for more information, call 652-2788.

## WOOD SKILLS CENTER 652-7422

### Children's class

The Wood Skills Center's next children's class is Aug.19 from 10 a.m. to noon. During the class, children build an airplane push toy, which requires sanding, staining and assembling. The \$5 cost. Limited space is available.

To sign up, call 652-7422.

## RANDOLPH POOLS 652-2060, 652-2053

### Center Pool

The center pool will only be open from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 28 through Sept. 1.

### Pool parties

The south pool is available for private parties Saturdays from 1-9 p.m. Reservations can be made for a two-hour block of time from 1-3 p.m., 4-6 p.m. or 7-9 p.m.

Reservations must be made in person at least two weeks in advance at the information, tickets and travel office. The cost is \$65, plus lifeguards' salary.



# Death can't hide from canine queen

By Master Sgt. Kat Bailey  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

"Toten! Let's go find toten, Reina! Let's go to work!" Reina, a pedigreed 4-year-old black and silver German shepherd puts her nose to the ground and whuffles the earth as her partner and owner, Tech. Sgt. Julie Davis, a personnelist assigned here, leads her in a grid search pattern, not for a missing person, but for traces of "toten" – human remains.

Reina, Spanish for queen, is a highly skilled Human Remains Detection dog. According to Greater Houston Search Dogs, a volunteer non-profit search dog organization, HRD dogs can detect the presence of human remains up to hundreds of years after death, on land or in water, despite burial or attempted concealment.

Sergeant Davis is not a cop; has never been in law enforcement; did not cross-train from security forces. She volunteers her off-duty time to several civilian search and rescue organizations that provide dog teams to help in the search effort when someone is reported lost or missing.

"I got interested in volunteering for SAR missions after taking fundamentals in search and rescue class while earning my master's degree," Sergeant Davis said. "I volunteered for my first mission when I lived in Florida. I didn't own a dog then, but that mission really accelerated my desire to help provide closure to the families of missing persons, especially if that person is believed to be dead."

She continued working with local SAR units in her off-time and finally got her own dog after moving to San Antonio.

"A fellow handler told me I could run a dog and I kept saying, 'I can't! I don't know what I'm doing!'"

Apparently she did. A military co-worker offered her dog, Reina, to see if the dog had any SAR capability.

"She sure did," Sergeant Davis said with a laugh. "The very first time we showed her a source [human remains], I took her back to the truck and she pulled me right back to the source. She did it several times until I finally told her to 'find something else' and she did! She was mine after that day. She's a really smart dog with a natural instinct for detecting human remains."

According to the National Association for Search and Rescue, proficient HRD teams normally require up to 18 months of intense training two to three times a week to give the dogs time to differentiate between human remains and other scents they will



Tech. Sgt. Julie Davis of the Air Force Personnel Center takes a break from search and rescue certification to play with her dog, Reina. The team specializes in locating human remains. (Photo by Master Sgt. Kat Bailey)

encounter. However, Reina and Sergeant Davis completed the training and gained certification in just four months.

To better understand the challenge a dog encounters with scent, consider the range of colors a human sees and apply that range to a dog's sense of smell.

"HRD dogs face a kaleidoscope of scents when they are called into action, but despite this, they can distinguish between human and animal remains and a wide range of other odors that would normally be expected to distract them,"

Davis said, "but we can certainly narrow down the area, allowing an investigation to move on to other venues."

The pair also took part in several searches for a local woman who disappeared on Christmas Day 1996.

"Reina and several other HRD dogs gave indicators of the location of human remains," said Sergeant Davis.

No body was recovered, but there was possible evidence which is being investigated.

If Reina locates a source during training, she is rewarded with a soccer ball, her favorite toy. It's an even bigger treat if she finds a source during a mission.

"Steak," Sergeant

Davis declared. "I get a big, ol' steak and so does Reina. Mine's cooked, of course."

She enjoys conducting SAR training and missions whenever possible, but Sergeant Davis said she really wants to do it full-time after she retires from the Air Force.

"I'm also thinking about starting up a kennel and training HRD dogs," she said. "I don't know. Maybe I got lucky with my queen, but I think I have a knack for it."

***"HRD dogs face a kaleidoscope of scents when they are called into action, but despite this, they can distinguish between human and animal remains and a wide range of other odors that would normally be expected to distract them."***

Sergeant Davis said. "A good HRD dog is hard to find. It's an area with a real need and that's why I focus on HRD rather than live finds."

Reina has a number of prominent assists under her collar. In Pensacola, Fla., the team helped narrow the search area for a teenager, missing for more than five years, by eliminating more than 50 acres of search territory.

"It's typical not to pinpoint the exact location of remains, especially on older cases," Sergeant

## Program assists heroes in reaching next level

By Staff Sgt. Jeremy Larlee  
Air Force Print News

They gave something that they can never get back, and a group here at Randolph does its best to ensure these heroes smoothly move on to the next phase of their lives.

Palace HART – Helping Airmen Recover Together – is a program that assists Airmen injured in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Many of them have amputations and other handicaps. The program assists them in staying on active duty, if possible, but it also helps injured veterans transition to life in the civilian world.

The program started in 2004.

"Palace HART is vital to them. (Air Force leaders) want to ensure we have no lost patrols," said Bill Sherman, Air Force Personnel Center family and community operations chief.

The program assists through resume building and helping locate civilian service jobs for the injured heroes. They call the veterans, sometimes daily, to make sure the injured Airmen know they are not alone.

Brian Kolfage lost his legs and his right arm to a mortar attack at Balad Air Base, Iraq, in 2004. With assistance from the Palace HART program he has found a job working in civil service in security forces, the same career field he held on active duty.

"Overall this program has helped me become more independent and more focused on what I want to do in the future and overall helped me become stronger as a person," he said.

There are 86 Airmen in the program. Approximately five Airmen a month have been added and program officials try to stay in contact with the injured for 5 years.

"We just try to untie the knots for them," Mr. Sherman said. "These are people that were happy with their career and all of a sudden have to leave the service."

Palace HART officials find their work rewarding.

"It is heartwarming for me that we make sure the folks get remembered. It's important for them to know we still care," Mr. Sherman said.



Bill Sherman, Air Force Personnel Center family and community operations chief, and Betty Hammack, Palace HART program manager, go over some paperwork in their office area Thursday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice)





**Maj. Matthew Hansen of the 12th Medical Operations Squadron has been a member of the Air Force Skeet Shooting Team since 2005. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice)**

# Straight shooter

## Skeet champion competes at Randolph

**By Armando Perez**  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

**W**orking in one of the few Air Force career fields where Airmen don't use weapons, a physician assistant might not be the first person you would expect to be a competitive shooter.

But Maj. Matthew Hansen of the 12th Medical Operations Squadron has been a member

of the Air Force Skeet Shooting team since 2005 and shooting handguns and rifles competitively since age 12.

The sport of skeet shooting is a recreational and competitive activity where participants attempt to break clay disks flung into the air at high speeds from a variety of angles.

Major Hansen said he was first introduced to the sport in 1985 when he won free skeet lessons at a Washington handgun shooting tournament.

The 25-year Air Force veteran said his father was his first instructor, mentor and biggest inspiration in becoming a competitive shooter. As he worked hard to become a good shotgun shooter, his father quickly recognized his potential and encouraged him to become involved in shooting competitively.

"My father has always supported me and as I got older I learned to admire and appreciate the sport more because of what he taught me," said Major Hansen.

Upon joining the Air Force, the major competed in various national and world championship tournaments. But it wasn't until 2002 that he discovered the Air Force had a professional-level skeet shooting team. It took him three years to raise his game to the level required to be selected and compete with the team.

"I found out that being selected for the team was a lot harder than I had expected," he said. "All the years I had competed in skeet shooting tournaments didn't prepare me for the perfection the team was looking for in their members."

Since joining the team, Major Hansen has been captain of the 2005 All-Texas Military team, 2006 All-Texas Sub Senior Team, 2006 National All-American

Military Team and in June of this year, shooting against 264 shooters, he was runner up to the 12-gauge champion and became the High-Overall Military Champion at the Texas State Skeet Championships.

"This sport isn't only about perfection and being able to break clay targets at different angles, it's about being able to stay focused," he said. "In order to win at these tournaments you have to be mentally tough."

The team of 15 all-active duty members is made up of the best sharp shooters in the Air Force, 10 of which compete in national and world tournaments. Major Hansen is the only team member from Randolph.

He has been the base skeet director since 2003 and wanted to take on the position to help promote the sport on base and encourage fellow Airmen to participate, he said.

He is also involved in coordinating with national and international skeet shooters who want to compete at skeet shooting events on base. In addition to these positions, the major also serves as the National Skeet Shooting Association Air Force director and Texas Skeet Shooting Association director.

Skeet shooting requires shooters to hit targets from eight positions on a semi-circle with two houses positioned on the corners launching the targets.

Major Hansen prepares for each tournament by practicing his positioning and timing at the range. He also participates in cardio and weight training to help build up endurance and strength to compete in tournaments.

"I go through videos and books from skeet shooting experts to fine tune my performance before an upcoming tournament," he said. "The training aides provide exercises to help me enhance my mental endurance and prolonged focus on the targets."

The major encourages those who may be interested in skeet shooting to come out to the Randolph Skeet and Trap Range. The range can accommodate both beginners and avid skeet shooters and offers rental guns and safety equipment. Shooters must bring their own ammunition. Knowledgeable staff members are also on hand to give advice.

"I have learned a lot about skeet shooting here at Randolph and have made some good friends at the range," said Major Hansen. "What's great about this sport is that most of the good shooters are willing to share their expertise and help new shooters."

The Randolph Skeet and Trap Range hosts the "Milton Tyler Open" for registered skeet shooters Aug. 18-20.

Those interested in learning more about skeet shooting or who would like to participate or watch the upcoming tournament can call the range at 652-5268.

## EXTREME RACE

# Rambler 120-Team Challenge applications available

**By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice**  
Wingspread editor

Hundreds of Randolph men and women going head-to-head in a six-mile run, 22-mile bike ride and two-mile raft race.

This is the setting for the Rambler 120-Team Challenge set to kick off Oct. 7 at 7:30 a.m. at Canyon Lake.

Sponsored by the 12th Services Division, the ultimate endurance challenge is split into two competitive divisions: a five to eight-person relay team and four-person "Xtreme" team.

"We are really excited to host this event," said Sharon Rector, 12th Services Division community support flight program manager. "It's a great way for members of Team Randolph to come together and challenge themselves while having a good time."

One of the challenges competitors will face in the race is the 50-yard rule, which requires at least four people from each team to be within 50-yards of one another during each portion of the race.



Teams cannot leave a checkpoint until all four members arrive.

"This is part of what makes it a team event," said Ms. Rector. "You have to push one another and help each other through each part. Especially the Xtreme teams as the entire team must finish each portion of the race."

Col. Richard Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, is already gearing up for the competition, forming

a team and training for the event.

"I'm trying to get together a wing leadership team full of unit commanders and maybe some of the (12th FTW executive officers)," he said. "It should be a fun event and a good challenge."

The colonel admits that the combination of distance running, biking and rafting present a training challenge.

"I have a lot of training ahead of me," he said. "But that's part of what I'm looking forward to most – challenging myself. I hope to see a lot of base teams come competition day, not just from the wing, but from all our mission partners. This is definitely a Team Randolph event."

The colonel added that invitations have also been sent to other local Air Force bases including Lackland and Laughlin.

In addition to the running, biking and rafting portions of the race, there will also be a mystery challenge announced the day of the race, said Ms. Rector.

"As long as competitors continue to train for the main events, the mystery

challenge shouldn't be anything they can't handle," she said. "I'd suggest contestants just focus on running, biking and doing some kind of upper body training for the rafting portion."

Ms. Rector added that the name of the race holds special meaning. "Rambler" comes from the legendary Randolph football team that tied the University of Texas in the Cotton Bowl in the 1940s, while the "120" comes from the total miles each team will cover.

The race entry fee is \$80 per team, which includes a T-shirt for every member. Teams must bring at least four mountain bikes, helmets, eye protection and a cell phone to carry on the course with them. Everything else is supplied, including the rafts, oars, life jackets and safety belts for the run.

Awards will be given to the first, second and third place finishers in both team categories during a post-race picnic at the lake.

Teams can pick up an application at the fitness center, Hangar 70. The entry deadline is Sept. 22.





Chris Romano, 12th Comptroller Squadron, hits a ball to right center field as Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron outfielders wait in anticipation Aug. 4 at Busch Field. AFOMS defeated 12th CPTS 7-6. (Photos by Steve White)

# AFOMS squeaks past 12 CPTS 7-6

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice  
Wingspread editor

Down to the bottom of the final inning, tied at 6-6, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron's Kelly Skeens beamed one last RBI single to center field to defeat the 12th Comptroller Squadron 7-6 in extramural softball action Aug. 4.

"It was a total team effort as it has been all season," said AFOMS coach Mike Skeens. "We have 14 players and we make sure everyone who shows plays. But it's our ladies that really make the difference. The men usually cancel each other out, so it's the women's performance that matters most."

AFOMS jumped to an early lead as Marcus Griffin-Hamilton hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the first, followed by an RBI double to right field from Mike Skeens, to make it 4-0.

The Comptrollers struggled to score, but compensated in the field as pitcher Roger Ramirez turned a double play in the bottom of the second, followed by a pop fly to left fielder Elaine Morris for a final out.

CPTS finally found its offensive mark in the top of the third, as Ramirez hit a double to right center. Batters steadily loaded the bases, as Ipo Warriner hit in the first runner for a 4-1 score. Voyd Butler tacked on a second RBI single off of a hit to center field

before the scoring run was cut short with a fly out to Griffin-Hamilton at short stop.

CPTS infielders Ramirez, Clay Corlew and Leslie Amerson made a second double play in the bottom of the third, after a ground out to Ramirez.

With another chance to lessen the deficit, Comptroller Eric Doggett pounded a home run over the center field fence. Following two outs, Ramirez hit an RBI double to left field for a 4-4 tie.

AFOMS looked as though they'd take back the lead in the bottom of the fifth as Demetrius Ward and Brandi Raifsnider hit back-to-back doubles to left field. But fly outs to catcher Shellie Daniels and Ramirez and a strike out left the runners stranded.

With two outs and one runner on base, Corlew rallied his team in the top of the sixth, scoring Doggett to make it 5-4.

But the CPTS lead didn't last long as Griffin-Hamilton hit an RBI single to right field followed by another run from Lisa Barker for a 6-5 AFOMS lead.

With the clock running out and one last inning to score, the Comptrollers felt the pressure and Chris Romano came through with a home run to tie the game.

With two runners on base and one out in the bottom of the last inning, Kelly Skeens' RBI single scored the team's final run for a 7-6 AFOMS victory.



Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron's Beth Mumaw reaches to tag out the 12th Comptroller Squadron's Rina Callaway at first base Aug. 4.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bowling league meeting

The Randolph Sunday Mixed Bowling League holds its annual membership meeting Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. at the bowling center. New members are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Patti Barinque at 375-4561 or Judy Smith at 659-0648.

### Pass the baton bike relay

The fitness center hosts a pass the baton bike relay Aug. 26 at 7 a.m. at Eberle Park. The first 40 people to sign up receive a water bottle.

The event is sponsored by Gatorade.

### Basketball coaches wanted

The men's and women's varsity basketball

teams are looking for qualified individuals to coach in the 2007 season. The season runs from October to March 2007.

Those interested should contact Rikk Prado at 652-2955.

### Lap swimming

The south pool offers lap swimming Monday through Friday from 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

### Water aerobics

The center pool offers free water aerobics classes Monday and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

### Senior strength training

The fitness center offers a senior strength training class Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m.

The class covers how to use tubing, weights and low impact aerobics to increase strength, muscle mass and bone density and improve balance.

### Story ideas needed

The Wingspread staff wants to expand its sports section and would like to highlight physically active members of Team Randolph.

If you know someone who fits this description, such as a marathon runner, martial arts instructor or ultimate sports competitor, please send an e-mail to wingspread@randolph.af.mil.